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Subject: Comments on Additional Morse Code-Related Petitions

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To Whom it may concern,

Petition by the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PRARL), RM-10809

This sounds rather rational to delete Element (1) for Technician and General classes.

I do not agree with increasing the rigor of the written elements for those two license classes. We can't eliminate in one place then turn around and make it more rigorous in another, that is a hidden agenda designed to hamper progress institutionally.

I do agree that if you must keep Element 1 then bump it up to the extra class, as we know it now.

Radio operators may not be in a position to test 30 days later, numerous operators or would be operators have jobs that take them around the world at a moment's notice.

Let us be considerate of operators real job constraints.

I do agree that phone privileges should be a given on all bands for amateur Radio Operators. Operators must not be held accountable for modes that they do not wish to use. Administrators must not develop testing programs supporting an hidden agenda.

Do not boost the number and range of written test questions.

My recommendation: Whatever the outcome, I sincerely hope that it will not be based upon a hidden agenda designed to reduce Amateur Radio hobbyist from enjoying radio.

Thanks for your consideration,

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